CHAPTER 217

(House Bill 322)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Commercial Drivers' Licenses – Special School Bus Endorsement

FOR the purpose of requiring an operator of a school bus to obtain a special commercial driver's license endorsement from the Motor Vehicle Administration under certain circumstances; clarifying a certain requirement for driving a school bus; providing for the application of a special school bus endorsement as an endorsement for operating certain other vehicles; providing for the application of this Act; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to driver's license requirements for school bus drivers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
    Article – Transportation
    Section 16–815 and 16–816
    Annotated Code of Maryland
    (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

16–815.

(a) (1) A Class A commercial driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive the following motor vehicles and combinations of motor vehicles:

(i) Any combinations of vehicles with a gross combination weight of 26,001 or more pounds if the GVW of the vehicles being towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds; and

(ii) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles that a Class B commercial driver's license authorizes its holder to drive.

(2) An individual who is issued a Class A commercial driver's license under this subsection may not drive or attempt to drive a motor vehicle on any highway in this State unless a Class A commercial driver's license or an appropriately endorsed Class A commercial driver's license authorizes the individual to drive a vehicle of the class that the individual is driving or attempting to drive.

(b) (1) A Class B commercial driver's license authorizes the licensee to drive the following motor vehicles and combinations of motor vehicles:

(i) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 26,001 or more pounds;